

Occasional Conformity.

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Occasionally as we discourt
of State, and Church, and Nation;
Occasionally we took to view
that Engine, call'd *Occasion*.

Occasion fram'd for nothing else
but to *occasion* mischief;
A Cloak to cover Hypocrites,
of whom the Devil is chief.

Occasion for a Loop-hole serves,
whenever there's *Occasion*
To leave Plain Dealing in the Lurch,
and fly to dear Evasion.

The Jesuit may hang himself,
And his Equivocation;
That sully Ware's now thrown aside,
Occasion's all the Fashion.

Some Sophisters of late devis'd
this new Trick, call'd *Occasion*,
By which they have refin'd upon
all former Reformation.

Dull Martyrs spilt their Blood in vain
for want of this Device Sir,
By this they might have *Heathens* been
and *Christians* in a trice Sir.

Occasion more Faces hath
upon *Occasion* surely,
than any Canting *Quaker* makes
when he holds forth demurely.

True Sc— upon *Occasion*
can look like *English* Bishop,
and so he cheats with Noise and Tone
all such as come to His-Shop.

Occasion can make a Man
with little or no trouble,
sincere as any Hypocrite,
and honest as *Tom Double*.

Occasion permits some Men
Occasionally to Lye Sir,
And practise things that are too vile
for such as you and I Sir.

Occasionally they shall conform,
Occasionally dissent Sir,
Occasionally shall take an Oath
to break it with intent Sir.

Occasionally shall go to Church,
Occasionally to Meeting;
Occasionally betray their LORD
while they like *Judas* greet him.

Occasionally deny him too
in open view of Men Sir;
And where's the harm? for when 'tis fit
they own him can agen Sir,

Occasionally communicate,
Occasionally refrain Sir;
But *Constantly* communicate
when 'twill *Occasion* gain Sir.

When 'twill *occasion* Godly Men
to Parl——t to ride-a,
And there with great Sincerity
to take *Occasions* side-a

On such *Occasions* they can kneel
like rankest Idol-aters,
But Turn once serv'd, and Place obtain'd,
no stiffer Idol-haters.

Thus 'Casionally for GOD they are,
And 'Casionally for Devil;
Occasionally for Good again,
Occasionally for Evil.

Occasionally for Heaven bound,
Occasionally for Hell Sir;
But surely 'twill be sad to have
Occasion there to dwell Sir.

The Occasionalists.

O What a *pious* Age is this,
do many *Cant* and *Brabble*!
Yet 'tis made up of *Artifice*
only to gull the *Rabble*.

Religion's talkt of *High* and *Low*,
most cry up *Moderation*,
But who prate *most*, *least* of it show
In *Life* and *Conversation*.

Dissenters once said that their *Way*
was right, and *Churchmans* wrong;
But this the *Churchman* did gain-say,
yet now they *change* their *Song*.

Altho' each cry'd up his *Way* most,
yet now if *Int'rest* lead;
Each will desert his settl'd *Post*
and set aside his *Creed*.

The *Churchman* he'll to *Meetings* go,
Dissenter to the *Church*;
Each on *Occasion* will forego
and leave his *Cause* i'th *Lurch*.

Dissenter dos declare he can
conform upon *Occasion*;
He will become for *Pomp* or *Gain*
A *Churchman* in the *fashion*.

The *Churchman* unto *Conventicle*
can go upon *Occasion*,
And will for *High Church* cease to stickle,
to be i'th newest *Fashion*.

Thus *Bow* and *Salter's Hall* can meet,
When that they see *Occasion*;
And there *Occasionalists* do greet,
and cry up *Moderation*.

But oh! to see the vile *Deceit*
that lurks within this *Guise*;
These *Friends* each other basely treat
WHEN *Cross* their *Int'rest* lies.

THEN *Churchman* says *Dissenter* is
a *Schismatick* or worse;
And since he from the *true Church* flies
he dos deserve her *Curse*.

Dissenter THEN says *Church* is bad,
a *Superstitious* Wh—re;
And they that dote on her are mad,
he'll not come at her more.

Thus these *Occasionalists* do rant,
and without *Moderation*
Revile each other, tho' they *Cant*
of *Union* on *Occasion*:

Yet *Envy*, *Malice*, *Rage* and *Spite*
is seen WHEN they are *Cross*,
THEN *Cross-ways* they do talk and write,
all *Moderation's* lost.

THEN all the *Peace* and *Unity*,
they flamm'd upon the *Nation*,
With all their *Love* and *Charity*,
All's lost on this *Occasion*.

For shame then, cease this *Fallacy*,
abhor this *Trimming Trick*,
Occasional Conformity
Will lead you to *Old Nick*.

Come shew to all *Men* that you are,
of *one Side* or of *t'other*;
For you that carry it so fair,
in *Heart* hate one another.

You *Churchman*, if your *Church* is right,
pray never from it go:
And you *Dissenter* keep from it,
if that it be not so.

Be true to *this Side* or to *that*,
but *halt not* between two;
Be not, your selves, nor none knows what
such *Trimming* makes me *spew*. *Rev.*